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Hiroaki SUGIURA et al.

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND
IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM

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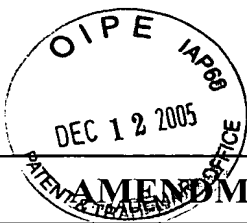
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application.

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